



The History of Homer G. Phillips Hospital

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EARLY BACKGROUND

HOMER G. PHILLIPS Hospital and its predecessor, City Hospital No. 2, were born out of a dire need for adequate medical facilities for Negro doctors and patients alike. It was obvious to the Negro doctors of this community as early as 1914 that the opportunities and advantages of training in various clinics were denied to members of our group. These doctors were also cognizant of the fact that if they were to survive and compete with members of the other group for their own patients, they must have similar training. The St. Louis municipal hospitals which provided professional training to members of the white race only were maintained by taxes paid by *all* citizens. Local Negro physicians, disturbed by the unfairness of this situation, made an overt attempt to seek hospital facilities for Negro doctors and Negro patients. Oddly enough these at-

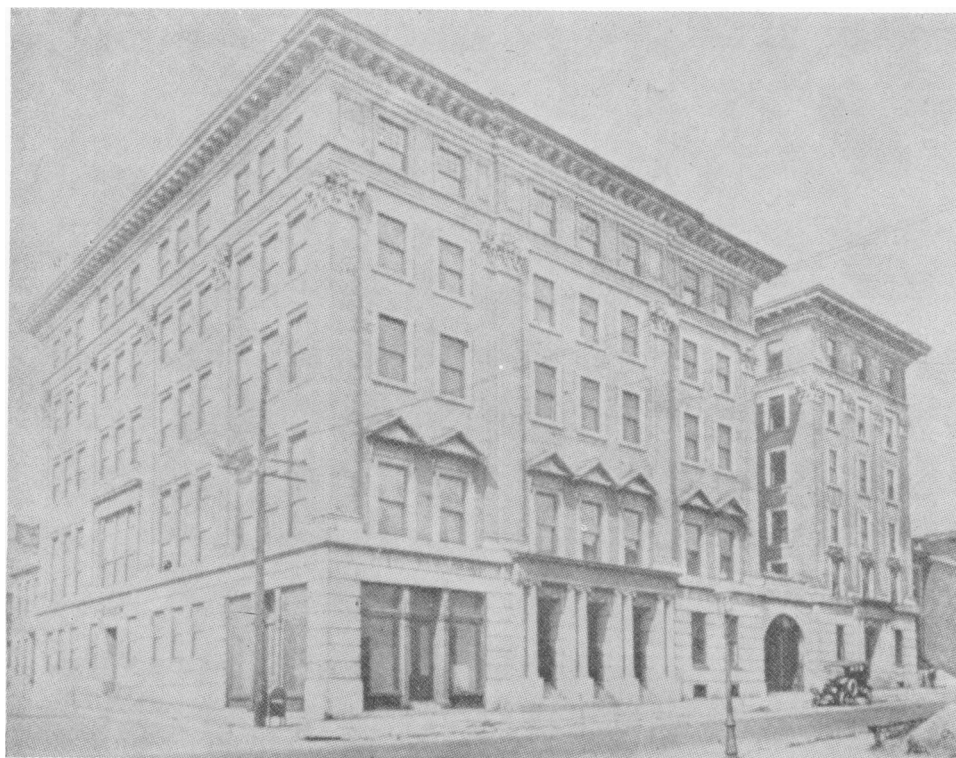
tempts brought about a threatened strike by white internes of City Hospital No. 1.

Soon afterward an aroused community spearheaded by Mr. C. K. Robinson of the Paladium, a weekly newspaper, interceded for the doctors and arranged for a meeting of city officials with a committee of 17 composed of the following persons: H. I. Bradberry, William H. Butler, Rev. Dr. J. T. Caston, Mr. John T. Clark, Mr. William H. Fields, Ernest Harris, Dr. Roscoe C. Haskell, David B. Jones, Dr. J. B. Key, Aaron W. Lloyd, Aaron E. Malone, Ernest Patillo, Attorney Homer G. Phillips, Rev. B. G. Shaw, Charles H. Terpin, Frank L. Williams, and Rev. Dr. Noah H. Williams.

This committee called upon Mayor Henry W. Kiel, who was up for re-election. It was impressed upon Mayor Kiel that Negro doctors were desirous of obtaining equal facilities to improve their training.

NEW CLINIC BUILDING



CITY HOSPITAL No. 2

Formerly the Barnes Hospital. Located at the corner of Lawton and Garrison Avenues. Opened in November 1919. Renovation cost, \$87,000. Bed capacity 177.

CITY HOSPITAL NO. 2

The City of St. Louis thereafter purchased the vacant old Barnes Hospital located at Garrison and Lawton Avenues, making it City Hospital No. 2. The estimated cost was \$87,000 and the bed capacity 177. Dr. Roscoe C. Haskell was appointed by the Hospital Commissioner to be the first Superintendent in 1918. He studied in the Hospital Commissioner's office for one year in special preparation for this position.

In November 1919, following the completion of the renovation of the hospital, all Negro patients were transferred from City Hospital No. 1 to the newly renovated City Hospital No. 2. The hospital staff at that time consisted of a resident in medicine and surgery, a staff of graduate nurses and 12 student nurses. The visiting staff was composed of members of the faculty of Washington University and an associate staff composed of Negro physicians who were practicing medicine in the community. The first internes appointed to City Hospital No. 2 were Drs. John Williams,

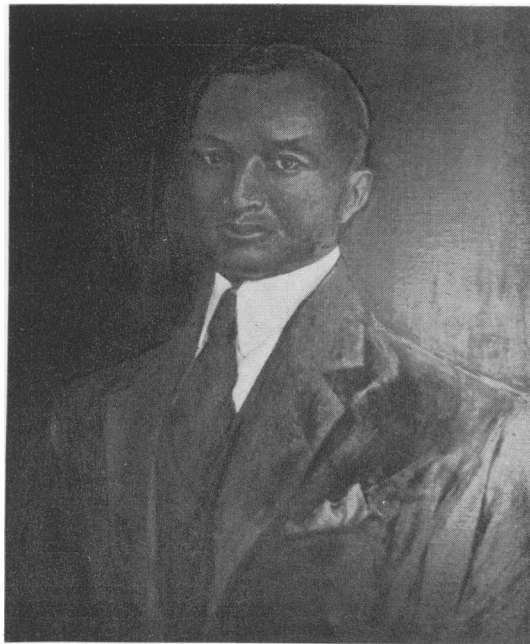
Henry Owens, Kelly Robinson and Charles Humbert.

Two years after the doors were opened it was glaringly evident that the facilities were entirely too limited. Patients were crowded into dark corridors and their lives were often in jeopardy because of fire hazards.

THE FIGHT FOR HOMER G. PHILLIPS HOSPITAL

The committee was re-activated and means were made available to contact every civic organization in the city and county. One member of the committee deserves special commendation, Attorney Homer G. Phillips. He became the greatest single driving force in the acquisition of the new Homer G. Phillips Hospital. Attorney Phillips was determined in his efforts to seek better hospital facilities for the Negro doctor and his patients. His life became dedicated to this cause.

Mr. Phillips was born on April 1, 1880, in Sedalia, Missouri. His father was a Methodist minister. He was left an orphan in infancy and



HOMER GILLIAM PHILLIPS, LL.B.

From an oil by Jessie G. Housley which hangs in the foyer of the Hospital, presented by the Achievement Club of St. Louis, June 1948.

reared by an aunt. He graduated from Howard University and worked in the Department of Justice while still a student.

In 1915 at the request of Dr. Wallace B. Christian, with whom he shared offices, Homer G. Phillips became an active member of the citizens committee. It was Attorney Phillips who inspired the entire membership of this committee.

Attorney Phillips personally spearheaded the drive to seek passage of a Bond Issue in 1922. This Bond Issue of \$87,000,000 was passed with the understanding that \$1,000,000 would be set aside for the construction of a separate and distinct institution for the care of the colored indigent sick of the City of St. Louis. However other interests sought to prevent the construction of this new hospital and even secured an interpretation from Attorney Munch, the city counselor, that the construction of the separate hospital was not implied in the passage of the Bond Issue. This faction contended that all that was necessary was the construction of an annex to City Hospital No. 1, utilizing the funds from the Bond Issue for the treatment of the indigent Negro patients. Attorney Homer Phillips felt that an annex would defeat the primary purpose of the bond issue and the people of the City of St. Louis. If Negro patients

were placed in an annex they could still be cared for by the white physicians and the Negro doctors would not have the opportunity to improve their skills and techniques.

Attorney Phillips was intensely interested in the Negro doctor and felt that more opportunities for these men of medicine would be available if there were a separate hospital. Many of the Negro patients were exploited by the white students.

Attorney Homer G. Phillips through his numerous political acquaintances carried the fight to the Board of Aldermen finally securing favorable consideration from the Welfare Committee headed by Alderman Niederlucke. After much delay and wrangling from the opposition, construction for the new Homer G. Phillips Hospital was finally begun under the administration of Mayor Victor Miller in 1932. It was the consensus of opinion that the hospital should bear the name of the man who was most instrumental in fighting for its existence, namely, Attorney Homer G. Phillips. Life was not kind to Attorney Phillips and like many great men he died before the fruits of his labors became a reality. He was assassinated in 1931, one year before construction of the new hospital was underway.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS *



DR. HENRY E. HAMPTON
1935-41



DR. WILLIAM H. SINKLER
1941-60



DR. HERBERT J. ERWIN
1960-Present

DEVELOPMENT OF HOMER G. PHILLIPS HOSPITAL

Homer G. Phillips Hospital was officially dedicated on Monday morning February 22, 1937. A tremendous amount of credit must be given to Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann who persisted in his efforts to see that this hospital was constructed.

The aforementioned Bond Issue out of which the funds for this hospital were made available was passed in 1923. The amount of this bond issue was \$87,000,000 and \$1,000,000 of the money was to be allotted for the construction of a new hospital. Under the guidance of Mr. Lewis P. Aloe, president of the Board of Aldermen, \$200,000 was added to this amount making a total amount available for Homer G. Phillips Hospital of \$1,200,000. It is interesting to note that construction was not begun until nine years after the money was available. It became evident that the amount of \$1,200,000 was not enough and additional money from a federal grant was needed as the final cost of Homer G. Phillips Hospital was \$3,160,000.

Guests of honor at the dedicatory service were the Hon. Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior; Hon. Lloyd C. Stark, Governor of Missouri; Hon. Bennett Champ Clark Sr., U. S. Senator from

Missouri; and Hon. Thomas C. Hennings, Committeeman from the 11th District. The first superintendent of Homer G. Phillips Hospital was Dr. Ora S. McClellan. Dr. McClellan succeeded Dr. S. K. Slaughter as superintendent of City Hospital No. 2 in 1933. The first medical director of Homer G. Phillips Hospital was Dr. Henry E. Hampton. He had been appointed medical director of City Hospital No. 2. in 1935.

At the time of its dedication in 1937 Homer G. Phillips Hospital consisted of five main buildings; service administration, a north and south ward, nurses home and training school with attached apartments for the medical director and superintendent. The nurses home provided dormitories for 147 nurses and 24 internes. The total bed capacity was 685. The visiting staff was composed of outstanding specialists from St. Louis University and Negro doctors of the Mound City Medical Forum.

Homer G. Phillips Hospital has been quite fortunate in having in its administration men who were dedicated to the treatment and welfare of the indigent sick patient. Dr. McClellan was succeeded by Dr. Wallace B. Christian who served as superintendent until 1945. He was followed by Mr. Virgil McKnight, the present superintendent of the hospital. Under the latter's administration the hospital has sought and obtained the best personnel available.

Dr. Henry E. Hampton served until 1941. He was succeeded as medical director by Dr. William H. Sinkler. Dr. Sinkler brought an entirely new philosophy to Homer G. Phillips Hospital. It was

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City Hospital No. 2

Dr. Henry E. Hampton, 1935-1937

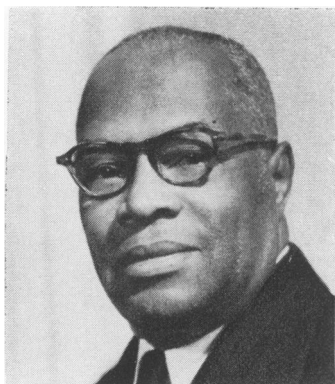
Homer G. Phillips

Dr. Henry E. Hampton, 1937-1941

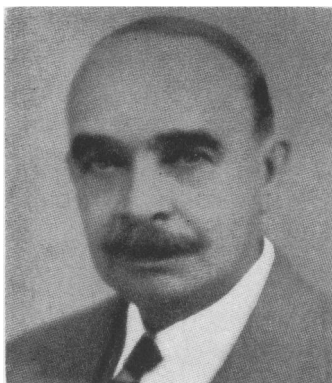
Dr. William H. Sinkler, 1941-60

Dr. Herbert J. Erwin, 1960-Present

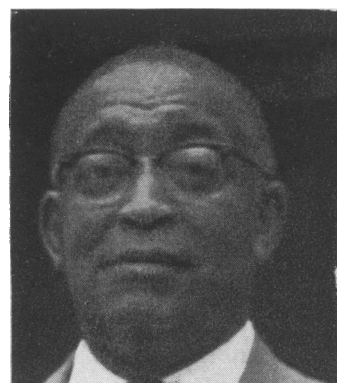
SUPERINTENDENTS *



DR. ROSCOE C. HASKELL
1918-1925



DR. WALLACE B. CHRISTIAN
1941-1945



MR. VIRGIL McKNIGHT
1945-Present

his considered opinion that we must train the young Negro doctor so that in future years he would be able to stand on his own. Accordingly in 1941, four residents were selected to receive grants from the Rosenwald Foundation to further their training. They were Drs. H. J. Erwin, neuropsychiatry; Jarone Johnson, internal medicine; William L. Smiley, obstetrics and gynecology, and H. Phillip Venable, ophthalmology.

Dr. A. N. Vaughn and Dr. Walter A. Younge were among the leaders of the drive to obtain these grants.

Dr. Sinkler lived to see the fulfillment of his efforts. At the time of his untimely death in September 1960 every Department at Homer G. Phillips Hospital had a Negro as director or associate director. In every instance the physician was a diplomate of his respective American Board. He was also a member of the faculty of St. Louis University or Washington University. Dr. Sinkler was succeeded by Dr. H. J. Erwin, who has maintained these high standards and continued to amplify the staff with physicians of high caliber.

NURSING SCHOOL

The Homer G. Phillips Hospital School of Nursing was also opened in 1919. The first direc-

tor being Miss Gertrude Martin with Miss A. Mosier as the first assistant superintendent. The first student to enroll was Miss Bessie Newsome who entered January 1, 1919. Four other young ladies entered later at various dates during the year. They were Misses Beatrice Hinch, Beatrice Wilkerson, Agnes Smith and Nellie Mischeaux. These students were permitted to attend classes with the students at City Hospital No. 1. and were assigned to the ward for colored patients. They lived on the sixth floor of the newly acquired hospital building.

Interestingly enough during the summer of 1919 several graduate nurses were selected from other Negro hospitals throughout the country and asked to come to City Hospital No. 1. to learn the latest techniques in nursing procedures. These nurses were Miss O. E. Clark, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Branch and Gary from General Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., Miss Charlotte K. May, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington D. C.

The first Negro director of nursing at Homer G. Phillips Hospital was Mrs. Estelle Massey Osborne, who took office on January 1, 1940, and retired on October 15, 1942 to become a member of the faculty of New York University. The present administrator is Miss Minnie Edythe Gore who became director of nursing on June 15, 1951. Under Miss Gore's administration the school of nursing has expanded its facilities tremendously. Today there are 719 graduates from this school who are practicing in 29 states, the District of Columbia, Mexico, Germany, Hawaii, Japan and British Honduras.

* SUPERINTENDENTS

City Hospital No. 2

Dr. Roscoe C. Haskell, 1918-1925
Dr. S. K. Slaughter, 1925-1933
Dr. Ora S. McClellan, 1933-1937

Homer G. Phillips

Dr. Ora S. McClellan, 1937-1941
Dr. Wallace B. Christian, 1941-1945
Mr. Virgil McKnight, 1945-Present

FIRST ENTERING CLASS, SCHOOL OF NURSING, 1919



Seated, l. to r.: Beatrice Hinch, Agnes Smith. Standing, l. to r.: Nellie Mischeaux, Bessie Cole, Beatrice Wilkerson Walton. Miss Mischeaux is the only survivor still on duty.

The School of Nursing is under the immediate supervision and control of the Municipal Nurses Board of the City of St. Louis. A diploma from the Homer G. Phillips Hospital School of Nursing entitles the graduate to become a candidate for registration in the State of Missouri and reciprocating states. Upon passing the required examination she uses the title Registered Nurse or R. N. Upon receiving the certificate of registration, the graduate through membership in her alumni association becomes eligible for membership in district, state and national nursing societies.

THE HOMER G. PHILLIPS HOSPITAL INTERNES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Homer G. Phillips Hospital Internes Alumni Association had a humble beginning as the Alumni Internes Association of City Hospital No. 2. in



MINNIE EDYTHE T. GORE, R.N.
Director of Nursing, 1951-.*

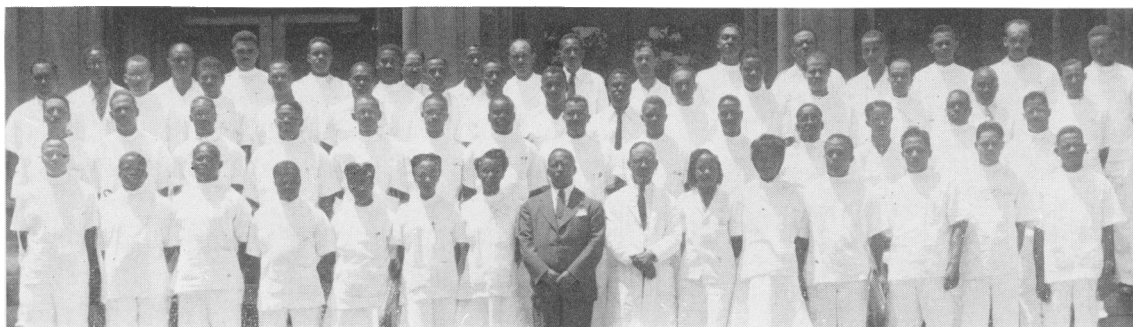
1931. The president was Dr. C. A. Gaikins, Dr. Henry E. Hampton was vice-president, and Dr. R. D. Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer. The start was excellent, but after two years interest waned. After a dormant period of about nine years the organization was reactivated as the Homer G. Phillips Hospital Alumni Association in 1942. The first president was Dr. J. J. Thomas. A definite attempt was made to get all of the former internes and residents of Homer G. Phillips Hospital back to the meeting annually. Again interest seemed to wane and the organization was inactive for four years. In 1946 the organization was again reactivated and Dr. J. J. Thomas was again elected president. Dr. A. M. Townsend, Jr., was chosen vice-president, Dr. J. O. Blache, secretary, Dr. W. E. Allen, treasurer and Dr. H. Phillip Venable, chaplain. Dr. William L. Smiley was assistant secretary.

For the first time definite scientific committees were appointed under the immediate direction of

* Previous directors of nursing were: Gertrude E. Marvin, 1919-1927; Talitha Helmkamp, 1932-1936; Mona Marie McGuire, 1936-1938; Jessie P. Norelius, 1938- (4 mos.); Virginia Harrison, 1938-1939; Estelle M. Osborne, 1940-1942; H. Farrar, 1942-1950.

FACULTY AND FIRST GRADUATING CLASS, SCHOOL OF NURSING, 1922



HOUSE AND SUPERVISORY STAFF, 1947

Drs. Sinkler and Blache. There were also a Social Committee, Dr. Woodson and Dr. A. M. Jackson, and a Registration committee composed of Drs. H. J. Erwin, J. O. Blache and H. P. Venable.

In 1946 the convention was a tremendous success. The attendance was 121, 38 states being represented. The enthusiasm at the 1946 meeting was so great that it was the consensus of opinion that this meeting should be made a national meeting. This was done and in 1947 the first president of our national body was Dr. H. H. Weathers.

It is also rather significant that during the 1947 meeting it was decided that the Homer G. Phillips Internes Alumni Association would become an affiliate of the National Medical Association.

The allegiance so symbolized remains to this date. It was quite obvious that the Homer G. Phillips Internes Alumni Association was now on its way. Each year the programs became better and larger. Significant outstanding men from various fields and top universities in the country were guest speakers. In fact during the past 14 years it has been a significant honor to any man of medicine to be invited to appear as the guest speaker of the Homer G. Phillips Hospital Internes Alumni Association. The most recent president of this organization was Dr. A. W. Beal, of Texas, 1960. The incoming president is Dr. Watson Young of Inkster, Michigan.

The Homer G. Phillips Hospital Alumni Association has been a big brother to the Hospital.



EXTERNES AT HOMER G. PHILLIPS DURING SUMMER OF 1961

Front row, l. to r.: Solomon Little, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Doris Wright, New Orleans, Louisiana; Charles Dowell, Nashville, Tennessee.

Second row: Joseph Chisholm, Harvey, Illinois; Cassius Ellis, Frankfort, Kentucky; Benjamin Anderson, Fort Valley, Georgia.

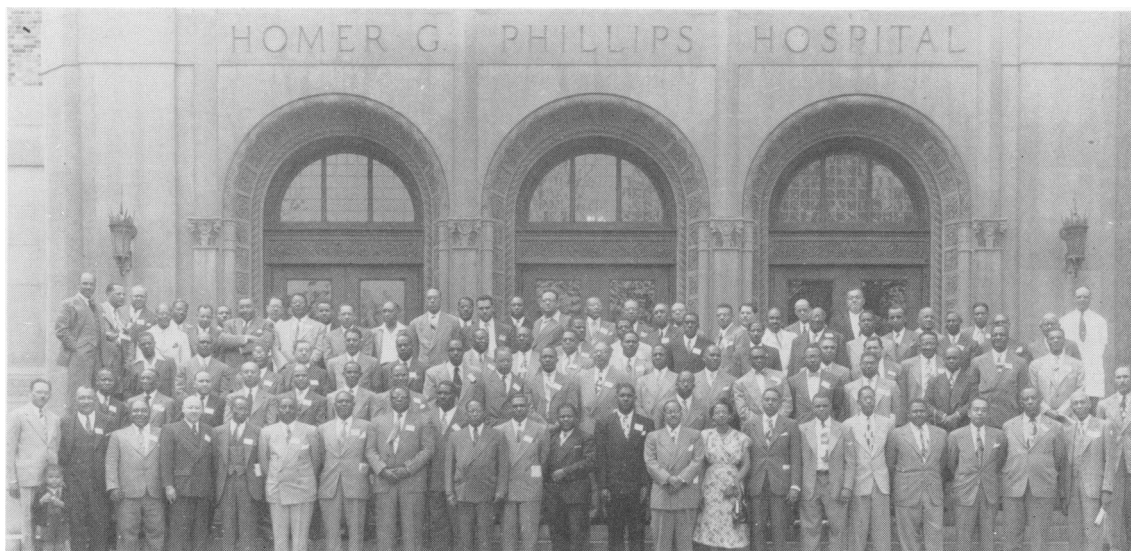
Top row: H. J. Erwin, M.D., medical director; Virgil McNight, administrator.

Not shown: George Bugg, St. Louis, Missouri; and Charles Inniss, Bronx, New York.

GRATEFUL REHABILITATION PATIENT

Foreground: James Sills, double amputee. L. to r.: Mr. Charles F. Chevillon, manager of Abbey Rents, Inc.; Mrs. Ida Paul, director of Physical Therapy Department; Dr. John W. Deyton, consultant, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Mrs. Marian Bradley, social worker; H. Phillip Venable, M.D., representing the Medical Director's office.

INTERNES ALUMNI CONVENTION, 1948



It has guided us, directed us, and given us financial assistance whenever and wherever necessary. Because of this association the hospital has been able to extend its influence throughout 44 states of the country. The Alumni have done much to bring internes and residents to Homer G. Phillips Hospital for additional training.

SCHOOL OF MEDICAL RECORD LIBRARY SCIENCE

The School of Medical Record Library Science was established September 16, 1946, upon recommendation of the Hospital Commissioner. It was approved by the American Medical Association, Council of Medical Education and Hospitals as of September 1, 1947, and by the Veterans Administration the same year. The Department of Medical Record Library Science is in the School of Nursing equipped with a competent teaching staff



Mrs. Esther M. Sherard, C.R.L., director; and Mrs. Mary D. Jett, R.R.L., Chief Supervisor.

maintained by the City of St. Louis. The director of the School of Medical Record Library Science is an approved instructor and is the Director of the Medical Record Department. All the facilities of the Homer G. Phillips Hospital are available to the School.

As of September 1961 there have been 72 graduates of whom 40 are employed in the city of St. Louis. The others are presently employed in every section of the country including Alaska. Mrs. Esther M. Sherard, director of the School, received in December 1960 a citation from Shaw University, her alma mater, in recognition of her outstanding work in the development of the School.

SCHOOL FOR X-RAY TECHNICIANS

The school for X-Ray Technicians is approved by the American Registry of X-Ray Technicians and the Council on Medical Education and the American Medical Association. The school of Medical Record Librarians is approved by the American Medical Association and the Veterans Administration. The school of Laboratory Technicians is accredited by the Board of Registry of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists.

INTERNES

There are two types of 12 month internships available at Homer G. Phillips Hospital, straight and rotating. The straight internships are avail-

able in all major services. The rotating interne-ship assignments are arranged so that each interne receives consecutive services on medicine, surgery, obstetrics, gynecology and pediatrics. The remainder of the twelve months is spent on two or more of the following special services such as ophthalmology, otolaryngology, neuro-psychiatry, urology, anesthesia, emergency and out patient clinics. Any interne interested in any particular specialty and desirous of experience in this field upon request will be assigned to the service of his choice. In addition, a basic course in pathology and radiology is provided for all internes and other house staff officers.

Internes are appointed by the Hospital Commissioner of the City of St. Louis. Senior medical students should forward their applications to the Medical Director of Homer G. Phillips Hospital. The hospital participates in the National Interne Matching Program and those selected for appointments are notified in accordance with the regulations of this program. Internships are not restricted with respect to race, color, sex, creed or religion.

Internes and residents from foreign countries are accepted for training provided they have been certified by the Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates. They must be further approved by the Committee on Admission of Homer G. Phillips Hospital. This institution is a participant in the exchange visitor program and requires that foreign nationals furnish proof of a thorough knowledge of the English language both spoken and written. The administration of Homer G. Phillips Hospital will gladly cooperate with those colleges which enforce the fifth year requirement so far as monthly reports and service requirements of internes are concerned.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Homer G. Phillips Hospital is strategically located which enables the House Staff to participate in many wholesome recreational facilities in nearby areas. Billiards, table tennis, basketball, swimming, soft ball and social parties are provided for at the hospital or a nearby recreational center. Golf is played on two fine city courses and three semi-private courses in surrounding areas.

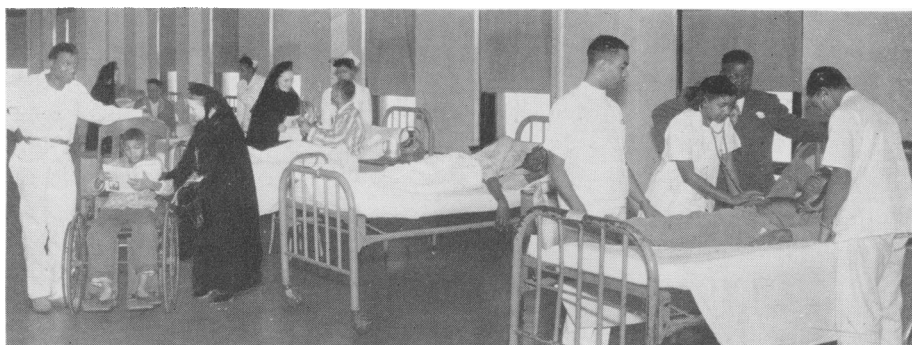
Adequate time is allotted for reading of current literature, recreation and wholesome rest. In order to give internes more time for study and concentration on care of patients a transcription unit is provided for dictation of histories and ward technicians for the performance of routine laboratory procedures.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Through the joint efforts of the staffs of the two city hospitals an institute of Medical Education and Research has been established. The purpose of the institute is to supply financial support in grants, research, fellowships and other educational programs for the house staff and visiting staff of the City Hospitals. During the period 1955-1961 the Institute has built and equipped one of the finest animal laboratories in the Midwest. It is complete with x-ray, operating rooms and modern facilities. The residents of Homer G. Phillips Hospital take advantage of this excellent opportunity to perfect their technical skills in abdominal, vascular, kidney, brain, thoracic, corneal transplant and cataract surgery.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The American Medical Association has approved the following services for interne and resident



Medical Ward Rounds, 1949.

training; internal medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, urology, otolaryngology, ophthalmology, pathology, radiology, and neuro-psychiatry.

Each department has a detailed training program. In addition, there are bi-monthly radiological and pathological conferences, which are held for the entire house staff.

Homer G. Phillips Hospital is unique in that in addition to the regular visiting staff the hospital has a group of full-time specialists who are dedicated to the care of the indigent sick and the house staff. All chief supervisors are certified by their respective boards and are outstanding in their particular fields. These men, at tremendous financial sacrifice, direct the house staff program on their respective wards. We definitely feel that the supervisory staff is a major factor in the high caliber of resident training at the hospital.

CHAPLAINS

Homer G. Phillips is different from most city hospitals in that it has a Protestant and Catholic chaplain in constant attendance. The Protestant is the Rev. Guy Outlaw who has been in residence at the Hospital for eight years. During this time he has had approximately 48,000 bedside calls and administered 16,000 holy communions. His congregation includes not only the patients but relatives and visitors as well. In addition to his duties throughout the hospital, Chaplain Outlaw conducts Sunday services, Wednesday vesper services and lectures to the nurses.

A few years ago Rev. Outlaw had a myocardial infarction. Instead of securing complete bed rest,

Rev. Outlaw utilized his time in securing data for a paper on "Clinical Study of the Heart Patient", which he read before the Chaplains Association in 1960. Prior to that time the same group had elected him to the position of National Chaplain. He is ready, willing and able to assist the doctor in the overall care of his patient. The doctor treats the body, the chaplain the soul.

Father Frederick Zimmerman is the Catholic chaplain. He conducts mass each Sunday and administers sacraments to the Catholic patients. He has been in residence at the hospital for a period of two years and alternates his residency with City Hospital No. 1.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In 1955 the entire caliber of patient care of Homer G. Phillips Hospital underwent a radical change. Upon an order from the Mayor of St. Louis, the Hon. Raymond R. Tucker, and the Board of Aldermen, all patients regardless of race, color or creed were to be sent to the hospital nearest their residency. Broadly speaking this meant that all patients who became sick or injured on the east side of the city were taken to City Hospital No. 1. All those injured or who became ill in the western part of the city were taken to Homer G. Phillips Hospital. Thus both hospitals became integrated. Since this policy was instituted there has been much improvement in the hospitals.

The house staff now has the opportunity of treating patients of all races. Homer G. Phillips Hospital is no longer a training center for just Negro doctors but doctors of all creeds and races. It is dedicated to the treatment of *all* indigent sick

COMMITTEE OF LADIES AUXILIARY, HOMER G. PHILLIPS INTERNES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 1949



Seated, l. to r.: Mesdames V. C. Payne, J. W. Nofles, O. S. McClellan, J. C. Sherard, J. O. Blache, L. A. Smart, and M. H. Little. Standing, l. to r.: Mesdames W. L. Smiley, W. H. Sinkler, James Evans, W. E. Allen, Jr.

of the city of St. Louis.

During the past few years the emergency room has undergone extensive renovation and is as modern as any in this area. This is also true of the x-ray and laboratory departments. A new clinic building costing \$1,270,000 has just been completed and was formally dedicated in May of this year. This building has an auditorium which comfortably seats 225 individuals. The clinic is completely air-conditioned and is modern in every detail. The equipment is of the latest type so that the physician may utilize the most modern techniques available.

CONCLUSION

The history of Homer G. Phillips Hospital is one of an idea which was born in the hearts of doctors and interested citizens early in 1914 and had fruition in a \$3,000,000 hospital in 1937. In the past 24 years this idea has expanded and the influence has been felt not only in the St. Louis community, but all over the world. Homer G. Phillips Hospital is proud of its administration, house staff, nurses and technicians. It is the aim of this institution to return these individuals to the community well-trained and respected by all.



DR. H. PHILLIP VENABLE

mology in St. Louis University, and from 1954-59 was a senior instructor at the same institution. Since 1959 he has been an instructor in ophthalmology at Washington University. He has been a consultant in ophthalmology at the University of Missouri since 1953. He is also an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology.

In 1960-61, Dr. Venable was president of the Mound City Medical Forum in St. Louis. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Association of Ophthalmic Research, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology, and the American College of Surgeons. Ophthalmology in London in 1950 and the Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology.

His papers on various aspects of ophthalmology have appeared in previous issues of the *Journal*.

Dr. and Mrs. Venable have one daughter, Louise, aged 19, a student at Harris Teachers College. He resides at 407 Oak Street Road, Baldwin, Missouri.

ABLE COLLABORATOR

The *Journal*, its readers and Homer G. Phillips Hospital are deeply indebted to Dr. Howard Phillip Venable, director of the Department of Ophthalmology in the Hospital, for his assiduous labors in preparing the historical article and securing the Homer Phillips staff papers for this issue of the *Journal*, as a member of its Editorial Board. Dr. Venable serves the National Medical Association as chairman of the Section on Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and secretary of the Council on Scientific Assembly.

Dr. Venable was born in Windsor, Canada, in 1913. He received the M.D. from Wayne State University in 1939 and served his internship the following year in Homer G. Phillips Hospital. Here he remained from 1940 to 42 as a resident in ophthalmology. The next year he spent in postgraduate study in ophthalmology at New York University for which he received the M.S. in 1943. Since 1943, he has held his present position as director of the Department of Ophthalmology at Homer G. Phillips Hospital and since 1944, he has been director of the Departments of Ophthalmology in the St. Mary's Infirmary and Peoples Hospital of St. Louis. He was certified as a diplomate of the *American Board of Ophthalmology* in the same year. In 1947 he was appointed an instructor in ophthalmology.

ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SUPERVISORY STAFF OF HOMER G. PHILLIPS HOSPITAL

ADMINISTRATORS

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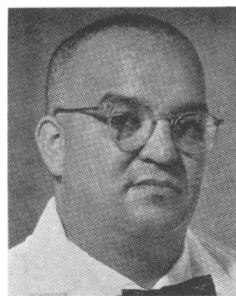
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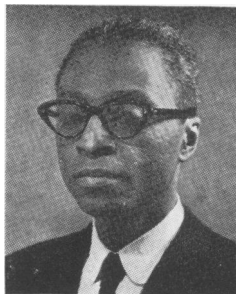
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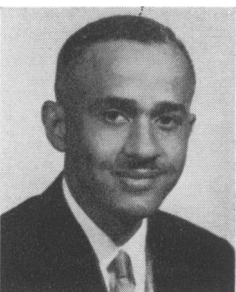
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DR. FRANK O. RICHARDS, associate director of the Department of Surgery and a member of the Executive Board of the Hospital, was born in Asheville, North

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DR. MORRIS MOORE, mycologist and chief bacteriologist, was born in 1908 in Natick, Massachusetts. He received the B.S. from Boston University in 1928, the A.M. from Harvard University in 1929 and the Ph.D. in mycology from Washington University in 1933. He is

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Dr. Moore was a Guggenheim fellow for study in South America, 1935-36. He received the Bronze Medal for an exhibit from the American Medical Association in 1939 and has also received certificates of merit for exhibits from the American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology and the Midwest Dental Congress. He is the author of nine publications in his field and is a member of Sigma Xi, the Society of American Bacteriologists and numerous other scientific organizations. He has been executive secretary of the St. Louis Dermatological Society since 1959.

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